GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF BASEL BAN AMENDMENTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has called for removing impediments in the free movement of recyclable wastes due to the difficulties faced by rapidly industrialising countries in accessing non-ferrous metalic waste in the Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their disposal in Geneva on November 28,2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has demanded the review of the Basel Ban Amendment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d) In the 7th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, held at Geneva during 25-29 October 2004, India has drawn attention to the fact that difficulties are being faced by rapidly industrialising countries in accessing non ferrous metallic wastes. India also called for a review of the Basel Ban Amendment keeping in view that:

- The criteria for listing countries under Annexe-VII of the Basel Convention are not objective and measurable; and

- Countries outside Annexe-VII of the Basel Convention have capacity for environmentally sound reprocessing of non-ferrous metallic wastes and have put in place regulatory regimes in line with the objectives of the Basel Convention.